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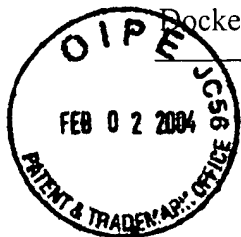
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Dear Sir:

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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing 63 references and enclosing 11 references.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 63 references previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. patent application No. 10/164,656, filed June 6, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,625,990 issued September 30, 2003, and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of non-U.S. patents and applications and other publications are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). For all others, copies are not provided.

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	61 Copending U.S. Application No. 09/987,232 filed on November 6, 2001 (Atty No. 006A) and pending claims
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